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From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Fri 8/28/2015 3:39:31 PM
Subject: Fwd: Another Quick Question:)

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Frosch, Dan" <Dan.Frosch@wsj.com>
Date: August 28, 2015 at 11:12:22 AM EDT
To: "StClair, Christie" <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Cc: "Berzon, Alexandra" <Alexandra.Berzon@wsj.com>
Subject: Another Quick Question:)

Hey Christie,

Have a quick question. Does EPA know how many ongoing Superfund cleanups involve old mining or smelting sites (or just generally, mining related sites, if that's easier... so long as it includes smelting sites)?

Many thanks!

Dan

From: StClair, Christie [mailto:StClair.Christie@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 3:52 PM
To: Frosch, Dan

Cc: Berzon, Alexandra
Subject: Re: fact-checking

cool beans.

From: Frosch, Dan <Dan.Frosch@wsj.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 3:45 PM
To: StClair, Christie
Cc: Berzon, Alexandra
Subject: RE: fact-checking

Hopefully soon. May not be today, tho. Will keep you posted (no pun intended).

From: StClair, Christie [<mailto:StClair.Christie@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 3:41 PM
To: Frosch, Dan
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When is your piece posting?

From: Frosch, Dan <Dan.Frosch@wsj.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 3:36 PM
To: StClair, Christie
Cc: Berzon, Alexandra
Subject: Re: fact-checking

Awesome; thanks Christie.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 27, 2015, at 1:33 PM, "StClair, Christie" <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

I don't know how it's 3:30. I'm so sorry for the delay. Responses in red are below.

Dan Frosch:

1. The tax on polluters that fed the Superfund Trust Fund expired in 1995, correct? Correct
2. And the balance of that fund, according your numbers, dropped to \$0 in FY 2003, correct? Correct

Alexandra Berzon:

Following 2004/2005ish studies showing water quality was worsening, EPA began weighing a Superfund designation, sending a preliminary letter around two years ago to Kinross Gold Corp., a large Canadian mining company that now owns the Sunnyside mine (among other moves). We sent information request letters to Kinross Gold Corporation, Sunnyside Gold Corporation and Mueller Industries Inc. in January 2013.